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LEGISLATORS OBSERVE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3, 2012

The 61st Annual National Day of Prayer will be observed throughout the nation on Thursday, May 3, 2012. The Louisiana National Day of Prayer program will be held at noon on that day in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol.

Senate President John Alario, House Speaker Chuck Kleckley and Senate President Pro-Tem Sharon Weston Broome will speak at the National Day of Prayer service along with many other dignitaries and community leaders. Prayers will be offered up asking for God's favor on our state and nation.

The purpose of the National Day of Prayer event is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the seven mountains of influence: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. This year's theme is "One Nation Under God."

According to the National Day of Prayer Task Force, on April 17, 1952, President Truman signed into law the observance of a National Day of Prayer, and designated it as a floating holiday. The President of the United States has called for a National Day of Prayer every year since 1975.